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SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO FULBRIGHT AGREEMENT

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1. IN A DISCUSSION WHICH RICHARD STRAUS, DIRECTOR CU/ WE, AND CAO WEYL HAD WITH DR. NORBERT LANG OF THE FONOFF' S BUREAU OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS ON JUNE 8, LANG INFORMALLY BROUGHT UP THAT THE FONOFF HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH TWO PARAGRAPHS IN THE DEPARTMENT' S TEXT AMENDING THE 1962 FULBRIGHT AGREEMENT. TO OVERCOME THESE HURDLES, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE PROPOSED WHICH APPEARED ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH LANG AND STRAUS.

2. ARTICLE 5, PARA 3: LANG POINTED OUT THAT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FULL SUPPORT FROM THE BUNDESTAG FOR A FULBRIGHT PROGRAM SUPPORTED TO MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT BY THE FRG IN THE YEARS TO COME, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE, IF NOT NECESSARY, TO BUILD INTO THE AMENDED AGREEMENT A REFERENCE TO MIDDLE- TERM PLANNING. SINCE THE DEPARTMENT' S MAIN OBJECTION TO THIS PARA IS THE WORD " REQUIREMENTS". IT IS PROPOSED TO MELD PARA 2, AS REVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND PARA 3 INTO ONE PARA AS FOLLOWS:
" THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGREE THAT A SATISFACTORY FULFILLMENT OF THE PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT NECESSITATES LONG- TERM PLANNING. BOTH GOVERNMENTS SHALL TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE MAKE SURE THAT

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FINANCING WILL BE PROVIDED ON A SCALE COMMENSURATE WITH THE IMPORTANCE AND PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT. ACCORDINGLY, THE COMMISSION SHALL BASE ITS PROGRAM PLANNING ON A THREE- YEAR PERIOD, USING AS ITS POINT OF DEPARTURE WITH RESPECT TO THE FUNDS REQUIRED ANNUALLY THE BUDGET OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1972-73".

3. ARTICLE 8, PARA 1: LANG EMPHASIZED THAT RELEGATING THE REFERENCE TO THE DESIRABILITY OF PARITY FINANCING TO A US LETTER ACCOMPANYING THE SIGNING OF AN AMENDED FULBRIGHT AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE FRG AND WOULD SERIOUSLY ENDANGER CONTINUED FRG FINANCIAL SUPPORT AT THE PRESENT LEVEL. OUR PROPOSAL TO REFER TO OUR INTENT TO WORK TOWARD PARITY FINANCING IN THIS PARA WAS ACCEPTABLE TO LANG. HENCE IT IS PROPOSED TO PHRASE THE THIRD SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS: " PROCEEDING FROM THIS BASIC INTENT TO ACHIEVE FISCAL PARITY, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHALL EACH YEAR COME TO AN AGREEMENT AS TO THE AMOUNT OF THEIR SHARES."

4. IF THESE PROPOSED REVISIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT (PLEASE ADVISE), WE WILL FORMALLY SUBMIT THEM TO THE FONOFF AND HOPE THAT SOON THEREAFTER AN AMENDING EXCHANGE OF NOTES CAN BE INITIATED.
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